

**Region #14 Regional Services Council Meeting Minutes**  
**11/15/05**

- RSC meetings will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. For now, we will meet at the Bartholomew County DCS.
- IV-B Overview: RFF will be released 11/15/05. New funding cycle will run from 1/1/06 to 12/31/08. Funding cycles thereafter will run for 2 years. Regional Coordinator for region #14 is Shively and Associates. Unit rates have been removed and proposed rates will represent usual and customary rates based upon the qualifications of staff and geographic locations of service provision. Training will be offered to Local Office Directors/teams regarding the score sheet. Intensive Family Preservation/Reunification and Community Partners for Child Safety are included in the Service Standards. Qualifications have changed regarding direct service and supervision. Prevention Services (Community Partners for Child Safety) have been included but will not be funded through IV-B at this time. Stepparent Adoptions/Custody Studies are included in the Service Standards and is separate from Foster Home Studies. The new service standards were discussed. The two intensive home-based programs will be based upon the Homebuilders model, and the State will provide training at no cost to providers selected to provide this service. The use of Family Group Conferencing was discussed. The Ansell Casey Life Skills Assessment is the only assessment tool that may be used for Independent Living statewide. IL services will be available for foster care youth ages 16-21. 10 sites will be utilized for the Youth Advisory Boards. Counties will not be allowed to discuss specifics regarding the RFF with prospective providers after its release on 11/15. The regional allocations have not been released at this time. Submitted proposals will be reviewed at the local DCS offices, and the RSC will not review them as a team. Counties will devise their own scoring teams, and RSC members may participate if they wish. Counties will have one week to review/score proposals. An Executive Session of the RSC will be conducted the following week to present recommendations from county DCS teams. Providers will be able to submit proposals in only one county, but the RSC will have the ultimate decision as to selection within in the region. The budget justification sheets will be user-friendly to the providers and will be Excel or Access-based; these will be included in the RFF on the DCS website.
- The RSC meetings do fall under the State's Open Door policy. DCS will be posting agendas/meeting times/dates on the DCS website.
- The RSC reviewed the services currently being utilized/funded in each of the 5 counties. The members discussed where each service fit into the 4 Ps—Prevention, Preservation, Placement, Permanency.
- Service Provider guests were given the opportunity to ask questions of the RSC.
- ***The next meeting of the RSC will be held on 12/20/05 at the Bartholomew County DCS.***